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MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MARCH 30, 1901.

THE PROGRESS OF NEGRO DISFRANCHISEMENT

The Maryland Legislature at its special session has finally passed the election law, which it is believed will disfranchise 36,000 negro voters, although the Republicans hope by their system of night schools established throughout the State, to educate a large percentage of this number sufficiently to enable them to vote at the election in November of this year and more for 1903, when the Legislature to elect a United States Senator will be chosen. The Democratic press like to say in defense of this law that it closely follows the Massachusetts plan, but fail to remark that the latter state did not attempt to make it retroactive. Massachusetts, like Delaware, provided that all persons who had or were entitled to the franchise at the time the law went into effect should continue to have that right, and there are voters there as here who can neither read nor write and are consequently entitled to assistance in preparing their ballots. Further the Maryland law leaves room for jugglery in the preparation and distribution of the ballots, the worst feature being that by which a whole district may be prevented from holding an election and the maximum penalty is \$1,000. In many counties the result of the legislative ticket depends upon the majority which one party or the other may secure in a certain district and all that will be needed to secure the election of certain men will be to neglect to furnish that district with the official ballots. And as the complexion of the Legislature may depend upon that county a complete reversal of the real sentiment of the State may be secured for a paltry \$1,000.

Much interest has been added this past week to this subject of negro disfranchisement, by the publication of a letter from Senator Morgan of Alabama to an editor in his state, in which he advises against any comment on the part of the Democratic press, on this subject, but that its attitude should be one of quiet waiting. He is well pleased at what he terms "the great and rapid advance made in the direction of negro disfranchisement," and certainly he is justified in his satisfaction when we remember that, as he expresses it, the electoral vote for President and Vice President was counted without the question being raised, and no great objection was made to the apportionment of Representatives under the recent census to the Southern States in accordance with their population.

This new apportionment gives to the Sixteen States comprising what was known as the "Old South," 137 Representatives in the House, of which 51 at least are based upon the negro population which population has no vote upon the question of choosing them to fill the seats. Therefore it is plain that 86 men in the South are worth as much politically as 137 in the North. But the worst feature about this is that under such conditions men lose their interest in politics where there is no opposition, and the community and state soon passes under the domination of the boss or ring. With these 137 votes once more solid, the Democrats only have to elect in the North and West 57 members to secure control of the House of Representatives, and with the great sweep of last November they succeeded in choosing 51, only six short of what will be needed in 1902. In the next electoral college, 239 votes will be needed to choose a President and the Vice President, there being 476 votes in the college. Of this number the South will have 169, leaving only 70 that the Democrats will have to fight for. In this way the subject is one of National interest. If the South were content to abide by the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution and accept Representation according to the voting population, the question would not be of so much importance to the nation at large, except for the moral questions of taxing a man without his consent, and of making one man higher and better than another. But under conditions as they exist to-day this question like Banquo's ghost will not down, but must be settled and that soon on a basis of right and justice, not only to the negro of the South but the white man of the North.

TOWNSEND NEWS BUDGET.

Mr. James Wilson was in Middletown on Thursday.
Mr. Jump, of Philadelphia, visited here on Wednesday.
Mrs. Charles Sharp who has been very sick is improving.
Miss Mamie Taylor, of Sassafras, is visiting Mrs. Samuel Watts.
Mr. Harry Hart, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday as the guest of relatives and friends here.
Mr. J. Frank Harris, the genial life insurance agent of Middletown, was a visitor here on Thursday.
Miss Alice Watts, a nurse at the Delaware State Hospital, visited her parents here on Sunday.

These are moonlight nights and the believers in an old saying will not plant any more potatoes until dark nights.
Rev. George P. Jones returned from conference on Tuesday, and he states that the session throughout was a very pleasant one to all.

Mr. John Guesford a farmer near here, lost a valuable colt on Wednesday. Mr. Guesford valued the colt at \$75 it being a fine animal for its age, 18 months.

Easter music is being arranged by the church choir. Services at Emanuel Church on Easter Day will be especially interesting and beautiful. All come out.

Mr. Hammond, of Wilmington, visited his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Schwartz, during Saturday and Sunday. He also paid a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Todd.

Photographer Sereck S. Wilson is again visiting relatives and friends here. He came on Monday for another stay of a few days having been given a brief relief from his onerous duties.

It is said that Townsend outwits all competitors in the dog population. There is one man in this town we are told, who pays a large dog tax per annum. He is said to own twelve dogs.

Mrs. Walter Gill and several others of our contingent of progressive young women, are preparing to give an entertainment in the near future; proceeds for the benefit of one of our charitable organizations. See our announcement next week.

At Emanuel Church Sunday morning Mr. John Atwell conducted services that proved highly entertaining and instructive to all present. Quite a number were in attendance and the touching experiences of those who labor in the field of the Master added much to the interesting services.

Mr. John Smith, of near Greenspring, gave our "reporter" a bunch of very fine lettuce on Thursday. He is a big-hearted man and we thank him very much for his kindness. He deserves success because of his energy and thrift, and he has hosts of friends around here, also being quite popular at other places.

Rev. George P. Jones is returned to Townsend for another pastoral year, his re-appointment giving quite general satisfaction to his ever increasing flock here, as well as elsewhere on his circuit. During his pastorate in Townsend he has made hosts of friends by his amiable manner and uniform courtesy, and his friends predict for him even greater success during the coming year.

The two months old infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ivory was found dead in bed at the home of its parents on Delaware avenue, Thursday morning, death having resulted from a spasm during the night, this opinion being given by Dr. T. C. Enos, who was sent for, when the child was discovered lifeless at about four o'clock. On Thursday Coroner Frick gave a certificate that death resulted from natural causes and the little one was buried on Friday.

AGUINALDO CAPTURED

The press reports of the capture of Aguinaldo by Gen. Funston were confirmed Thursday by Gen. MacArthur, at Manila, in the following cablegram to Adjutant General Corbin:

"Gen. Funston has just returned from expedition to Palanan, province of Isabela, where he captured Aguinaldo, who is now in his possession at Malacanang, Manila."

Malacanang is Gen. MacArthur's headquarters and resides in Manila.
Secretary Root informed a representative of The Associated Press Thursday morning, that he can make no statement yet as to the disposition of Aguinaldo. He supposes that he will be treated as other prominent insurgents who have been captured.

When asked if Gen. Funston would be rewarded by promotion for his work, the Secretary said that question had not yet been considered.

A SPRING OUTING

On April 2 the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will run the fifth tour of the season to Washington, affording an excellent opportunity to see the National Capital in all its early Spring attractiveness. Tourist Agent and Chapman will accompany the party.

Round-trip rate, covering railroad transportation for the round trip, hotel accommodations, and transfer in Washington, station to hotel, \$14.50 from New York, \$13.00 from Trenton, and \$11.50 from Philadelphia. These rates include accommodations for two days at the Arlington, Normandy, Riggs, or Ebbitt House. For accommodations at Willard's, Regent, Metropolitan, or National Hotel, \$2.50 less. Side trips to Mount Vernon, Richmond, Old Point Comfort, and Norfolk at greatly reduced rates.

All tickets good for ten days, with special hotel rates after expiration of hotel coupons.

For itineraries and full information apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; 4 Court Street, Brooklyn; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

More Appointments by Governor Egan Governor Hunsar Thursday announced the following appointments: Captain F. Lodge, of Bowers, to be Fish Policeman for a term of two years; James H. Jones, to be Justice of the Peace for Woodside, in the Seventh Legislative District; Charles E. Woods, of Wilmington, to be a Notary Public for the office of the Grand Recorder of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

DELAWARE CITY

Charles W. Panoast was in Wilmington Tuesday.
Mrs. Jacques Lafitte visited the Quaker City Monday.
Mrs. William R. Bright is visiting in Wilmington.

Mrs. William L. Vail spent Monday in Wilmington.
Charles E. Tucker, of Centerville, Md., was in town this week.

The yacht "Louise" passed through the canal on Wednesday.
Mrs. George Ford visited her mother near McDonough this week.

Fred Reybold, of Philadelphia, visited his parents on Sunday.

Mrs. J. G. Trent has returned to her temporary home at Mrs. Sadler's. William B. Jester, of Philadelphia, was a Sunday visitor at his home.

Miss Mollie Aker has returned from a visit to relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Annie Hickey has returned from two months stay in Philadelphia.
Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Eagle, of New Castle, were in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. Edward Clark and daughter were visitors to Wilmington this week.

Miss Lily Hines is the guest of relatives in the City of Brotherly Love.

Rev. Mr. Dubel, of Wilmington, preached in Christ Church Friday evening.

Miss Blanche Armstrong is enjoying the hospitality of Wilmington friends.

George W. Reybold swelled the number of visitors to Wilmington this week.

Mrs. H. C. Johnson was among the weekly visitors in Wilmington this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Bennett and son returned to Quarryville, Pa., on Monday.

John Craig and Adelbert Beck have gone into partnership selling truck and cysters.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Boinger, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Aker.

Rev. V. P. Northrup will come to the M. E. Church here and will preach here on Sunday.

U. S. Fish Commission boat "Blue Wing" is in the canal from Plymouth on the way South.

Miss Lucille Martindale, of Wilmington, and Mr. Challenger, of New Castle, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Caleb N. Price, of near Chesapeake City, spent Sunday with her mother near town.

The first shad of the season were caught on Tuesday in herring nets by H. Von Culin and J. Bowen.

Norman Cleaver, William VanHekle and Charles Belville, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday in town.

Miss May Lee and brother Clement, of Bucksport, Maine, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Reeves.

The United States torpedo boat "Tahiti" passed through the canal on Wednesday near York, en route for Washington, D. C.

Rev. Mr. Holt preached Sunday morning and evening in the M. E. Church. He was entertained by his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Wilkerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Hinis, Misses Lizzie Cleaver and Irene Davidson, were entertained Sunday at the home of A. Davidson, near Kirkwood.

Rev. H. S. Thompson will assume the duties of pastor to the congregation of Silver Brook, Wilmington, and will leave our town early next week.

Ground from trolley road across the Clark properties to St. Georges has been surveyed preparatory to laying the track extending the trolley road.

Quarter-master Sergeant Kenealy left for Porto Rico last Friday, and Quarter-master Sergeant Wagner just returned from Porto Rico, will succeed the former at Fort Du Pont.

J. Edward Addicks and J. Frank Allee spent Friday morning of last week in town waiting for Addick's yacht "Vision," and upon her arrival went through the canal on their way to Washington, D. C.

The Fire Company held a meeting Thursday night, and after the regular business was transacted a unanimous vote was given to build a rack at the rear of the engine house upon which to dry the hose. A committee comprising Messrs. George N. Bright, J. A. Collins and William Cole was selected to purchase a new hose carriage, and James Mulligan and John Keane a committee to solicit subscribers.

O. B. Wingate, ticket agent at the station, met with a painful but not serious accident on Friday just after the 1.07 train arrived. He was standing in the freight car and leaned forward out of the door to look after some freight when the car unexpectedly started and the motion loosening the door fastenings the doors closed on him before he could escape. The doors were very heavy and Mr. Wingate's head was badly hurt and his ears were cut a good deal.

Wilson Merritt was in Philadelphia on Monday.

Mr. S. M. Lockwood has moved his family in town.

Mr. Israel Gunkel who has been quite ill is improving.

Mr. R. B. Merritt spent several days of this week in Elkton.

Prof. Guy Johnson was an over Sunday visitor in Wilmington.

Mrs. E. G. Armstrong is the guest of her mother, Mrs. B. S. Hall.

Squire P. F. Johns has resumed his school duties at Taylor's Bridge.

Mrs. E. G. Lynch, of Elkton, spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. Amos Wilson.

Miss Eleie E. Marsh sprained her ankle very severely on Monday evening. At this writing she is much improved.

The entertainment and supper under the management of the Christian Endeavor Society is proving quite a success.

The Old Members Seated
The Trustees of the Poor have seated John Townsend, of Appoquinimink hundred, and Richard T. Cann, of Pencader hundred, as members of the board upon July 1902. The Levy Court recently elected William Burg and Zachariah T. Harris, Republicans, to succeed the two others, who are Democrats, but the question as to the respective rights was settled by the board in favor of the old members.

CECILTON SIFTINGS

Miss Martha Cannan came home on Tuesday.
Miss M. R. Oldham is the guest of her sister, Mrs. G. N. Davis.
Mrs. Janie Clark is visiting her son, J. Harry Clark, near Cecilton.

Mrs. Susan Fillingame is very low at her home at Chesapeake City.
Messrs. Owens Griffith and Merritt Smith spent Monday at Sassafras.

Miss Mary Anderson is quite sick with pneumonia at her home near town.
Miss Bessie Merritt and friend, of Warwick, spent Sunday evening in town.

Misses Beulah and Olive Fillingame are spending a few days at Chesapeake City.

Miss Desie Boulden spent Tuesday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Hyland John.

Mrs. John H. Hessey who has been quite poorly all winter is somewhat better at this time.

Miss Weldon and friend from Townsend, spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Watts.

Messrs. Thomas Boulden and Bert Manlove attended a taffy pulling on the Manor on Friday evening.

Jerome Hardcastle Smith died at a hospital in Baltimore on Monday of this week, and was buried at Cecilton on Thursday morning.

Miss Emma Hagerty is improving.

Mrs. Della Clark is on the sick list.

Mrs. Maime Duhamel is home again.

Mrs. Retta Lollar spent Friday in her brother's family.

Harry Price is still very ill with slight hopes of his recovery.

Mrs. Jane Clark is the guest of her son, Mr. Harry Clark, near town.

Miss Edith Alderson was the guest of her Aunt a few days of last week.

Mrs. John M. Rowan entertained friends from Massey one day last week.

Mr. Thomas C. Roe, of Massey, spent Thursday with his daughter, Mrs. John M. Rowan.

Quite a number from around our little village attended a surprise party at Cecilton on last Friday evening.

Messrs. Fred Richards and Samuel Rolph, of Rolphstown, were guests of Cecilton friends on Friday evening.

Miss Reba Clark has recovered from the shock to her nervous system caused by her horse getting away from her at Cecilton on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. Ollie Pennington spent Sunday in Cecilton.

Mr. A. H. Redding spent Thursday in Middletown.

Captain George Williams spent Monday in Baltimore.

Miss Lulu Manlove is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Price.

Mrs. Margaret Cohoe is visiting relatives in Baltimore.

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Misses Cora and Nellie Price spent Thursday in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cohoe are visiting Captain Frank Cohoe.

Misses Florence and Rachel Lloyd spent Wednesday in Galena.

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Mr. George Satterfield, of Townsend, Del., was a visitor in town on Tuesday.

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Mr. John Price and daughter, Regina, visited Mr. H. C. Price, of Still Pond, last week.

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Mr. William Carrow and R. Page Hickman visited Mr. John Carrow, of the Manor, on Sunday.

Mr. Norman Regan and daughter Gladys, of Baltimore, are visiting her mother, Mrs. Ella Woodall.

Miss Ethel Solloway has returned to her home after spending several weeks with relatives near Glasgow, Del.

August Flower
"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Houton, "that in my travels in all parts of the world, for the last ten years, I have met more people having used Green's August Flower than any other remedy, for dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach and for constipation. I find for tourists and salesmen, or for persons filling office positions, where headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system by frequent use, and is excellent for sour stomachs and indigestion." Sample bottles free at J. S. & W. Latomus, Townsend.

Sold by dealers in all civilized countries. Get Green's Prize Almanac.

Shad in With a Rush
The toothsome Delaware shad came in Wednesday with a rush at New Castle that astonished the people. J. Elbert Davis captured thirty-five, two other men twelve each and another three. The fish sold rapidly at 65 cents to \$1.25 each. As soon as the water becomes clear the catch will be greater. Forty-two boats will fish from New Castle during the season. Ten of this number are now down the Delaware Bay.

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AMERICAN MECHANICS LITIGATION
The New Jersey Grand Lodge, Junior Order United American Mechanics, through its counsel, Attorney-General Grey, has filed in the United States Court its answer to the suit of the National Council of that organization.

The National Board is seeking to enforce the payment of the national per capita tax, which the New Jersey Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodges of New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware have refused to pay.

The answer denies the jurisdiction of the National Council and sets a claim of priority of incorporation on the part of the New York Grand Lodge.

Judge Kirkpatrick has fixed April 15 for hearing argument in the case.

PORT PENN WAVES

Mr. Charles Bendler spent Tuesday in Delaware City.
Mrs. John Wollem spent part of this week in Wilmington.
J. R. Conard, of Milford, spent the first of the week in town.

Mr. J. W. Spicer spent two days in Wilmington the past week.
Mr. James H. S. Gam, of St. Georges, spent Sunday with friends.

Mr. Edward Gam, of St. Georges, spent Saturday at Augustine Park.

The dredgers started work on Dan Baker's Shoals first of the week.

Miss Jennie Bendler after three weeks visit in St. Georges has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Poodham, of Delaware City, visited relatives here Saturday.

Mr. Parks T. Duncan and Mr. George F. Duncan were Wilmington visitors Saturday.

Mrs. James Moore and Mrs. Russell Eaton spent Monday and Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. James M. Vandegrift, of McDonough, spent Monday with her sister, Miss Sarah Cleaver.

Mr. John Cavender, of Camden, N. J., is spending the week with W. R. Flemings and family.

Mr. John Gam removed his family to St. Georges on Monday, where he will reside for the future.

I am prepared to take your order for fresh and salted shad at lowest cash prices, delivered free of charge in quantities.—Albert Kumpel.

Mr. John Fisher, of South Fort, N. C., visited his sister, Mrs. Samuel Yearsley, on Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Richard Starr, accompanied by a number of ladies from Salem, N. J., stopped at the wharf in his naphtha and visited the town on Wednesday.

T. B. Fisher made the first catch of shad on Wednesday, fourteen being the number caught. He shipped them to Philadelphia and cleared 45 cents a piece.

The funeral services of Henry Flemings, who died in Camden, N. J., on Friday of last week, was held in the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday afternoon. Interment was made at Hickory Grove Cemetery.

FREDERICKTOWN ITEMS

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is health. The secret of health is the power to digest and assimilate a proper quantity of food. This can never be done when the liver does not act its part.

Do you know this?

Tutt's Liver Pills are an absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, constipation, torpid liver, piles

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:
North Bound—3.30, 7.50, 9.20 and 10.20 a. m.
For Odessa—9.10 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 5.30 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Barville and Sussex—9.10 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 5.30 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows:
Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.45 a. m., 3.55 and 4.50 p. m.
Going South—9.10 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 5.30 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Barville and Sussex—9.10 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 5.30 p. m.

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Local News.

Seed in bulk—Peas, Corn, Beets, Radishes, Etc., at W. T. CONNELLEY'S.

300,000 Early Cabbage Plants for sale. E. J. STEEL, Florist, Middletown, Del.

The best Garden Seeds at the lowest prices at MIDDLETOWN GROCERY HOUSE.

FARM WANTED—Give price and location. Address, E. L. LANTZ, Easton, Pa.

Seed Potatoes—stock guaranteed. Groceries of all kinds, at W. T. CONNELLEY'S.

No trouble to deliver goods—quick service, and all goods just as represented.

MIDDLETOWN GROCERY HOUSE.

Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

Johnson & Stokes' Garden and Flower Seeds, two packages for 5 cents, regular 5 cent size, at W. T. CONNELLEY'S.

Now is the time—before warm weather begins—to fortify the system by taking a good tonic—Pearson's Beef, Iron and Wine.

LIME! LIME! LIME!
For best Whitewash Land Lime get prices from John W. Jolls before purchasing.

One of our young men will shortly join the benedictines, so rumor says. The bride-elect is a Quaker City lady. Who can it be?

DETECTIVES—Men wanted, experience not necessary; if experienced state particulars. Enclose stamp. Box 125, Philadelphia, Pa.

Advance Steam Laundry, office opposite W. S. Letherby's. Work guaranteed. Goods delivered.

C. R. CLAYTON.

Miss Eliza Hurn has removed her dress-making room to the TRANSCRIPT building, (second floor), where she will be pleased to see her old customers.

DIAMOND CONDITION POWDERS for horses and cattle, promotes digestion, improves the hair and restores a healthy condition, 15 cents a pk. at PEARSON'S PHARMACY.

Mr. John Gam of Augustine Park advertises his public sale on April 3rd in another column of this issue. He has some very fine cattle for sale, and a large assortment of household goods.

SPRING OPENING OF MILLINERY.—On and after April 1st, I will have all the latest designs in Spring Millinery. Large assortment from which to make a selection. Miss E. F. INGRAM, North Broad street.

Monday was moving day, and not for years has there been so many changes in the tenement houses of our town. In the business houses there were very few changes, and they took the previous week for moving.

Cards are out announcing the coming wedding of Mr. Charles N. Dickson to Miss Addie May Webb, at the residence of the bride's parents, this town, Thursday evening, April 18th, at 8 o'clock. A reception will follow the ceremony.

A large stock on hand of both "AMERICAN" FIELD FENCE, and "ELLWOOD" FIELD, HOG and POULTRY FENCE, and will be sold as low as the lowest. Learn our prices before buying elsewhere as we will not be undersold.

MIDDLETOWN HARDWARE HOUSE.

Now ready to supply our patrons with fertilizers for all Spring Crops from our Warehouses at Middletown and Newark, Del., and Kennedysville, Md., having several car loads stored at each point.

JESSE L. SHEPHERD, S. M. REYNOLDS, AGT.

'Phone No. 5.

Mr. C. H. Messick has removed his family from Salisbury, Md., to one of the new houses of Mrs. George W. Peterson on East Main street. Mr. Messick is a contractor and builder, and comes to our town well recommended by his Maryland friends.

Mrs. G. W. Peterson had her Millinery Opening Thursday, and the large crowd of ladies that visited the East End store during the day were well pleased with the display. Mrs. Peterson is devoting much time to this department this season, and has secured the services of a first class millinery to assist her.

The appointment of Rev. L. E. Barrett D. D., as pastor of Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church meets with the universal approval of the congregation as well as the friends of the Church. Dr. Barrett is without question one of the ablest ministers of the Wilmington Conference, and with such an efficient leader the Church will undoubtedly have one of the most prosperous years in its history.

FOR SALE—1000 bushels Northern grown "Early Rose" Potatoes, at 85c. per bushel. 500 bushels "Crown Jewel" Potatoes, at 85c. per bushel. 700 bushels Early Beauty of Hebron Potatoes, at 85c. per bushel. 100 bushels White Onion Sets, at \$2.50 per bushel. 100 bushels Yellow Onion Sets, at \$2.25 per bushel. 800 bushels Cow Peas, at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per bushel. 1000 bushels Western grown Clover Seed, at \$6.50 to \$7.00 per bushel.

J. E. HOLLAND, Milford, Del.

Mr. J. M. Rothwell who moved into town on Monday, discovered an interesting relic while packing up his household goods. It was a deed, or more properly a perpetual lease for 150 acres of land on the north side of the main branch of Duck Creek, granted by John Penn, Thomas Penn and Richard Penn, to John Dow and his assigns. The deed is styled themselves "governors and proprietors of the province of Pennsylvania and the counties of New Castle, Kent and Sussex, on Delaware." The deed itself is on good parchment and the writing is a fine example of old English script. Mr. Rothwell has no recollection of ever hearing of his family owning any land in the neighborhood described, nor does he know how the paper came into his possession. The consideration named in the instrument is the payment of "one penny sterling for each acre" to be paid at the town of New Castle yearly. Mr. Rothwell is considering the donation of the deed to the Historical Society of Delaware, which would probably regard it as a great find.

To-morrow is Palm Sunday.

Burning Brush is now in order with our farmers.

All kinds of Garden Seeds at DeVALINGER'S.

Easter music is being arranged by the church choir.

The rains the past week have interfered with farm work.

Seed Potatoes of all kinds—cheapest in town, at DeVALINGER'S.

900 Pots of Hyacinths in bloom at the Middletown Greenhouses for Easter.

On and after April 1st, I will be at my Greenhouse every evening until 9 o'clock P. M.—E. J. STEEL, Florist.

WANTED—A competent man to carry on farm or work as head hand. Apply or address, JOHN T. ELLIS, Townsend, Del.

FOR SALE—1,000 Grape Vines, two years old, good strong roots, 60 cents per dozen; \$4.00 per 100.—E. J. STEEL, Middletown, Del.

Rev. L. E. Barrett D. D., the new pastor of Bethesda M. E. Church, will arrive in town this evening, and fill the pulpit both morning and evening Sunday.

Extensive improvements are being made to the M. E. Parsonage. During the past week a new bath tub has been put in and many other needed improvements have been made.

Rev. W. F. Corkran, D. D., Presiding Elder of the Eastern District of Wilmington M. E. Conference, has been appointed a delegate to the Ecumenical Conference, which meets in London.

I have just received an Easter supply of flowers and will be pleased to have the public call on me. Will also have a supply of Cut Flowers.—E. J. STEEL, Florist, Lock Box 29, Middletown, Del.

A WORD TO THE WISE—Persons who have an Easter Lily in bloom in their houses on Easter Day as an old saying, "Will have money in their house all the year." You can get them at STEEL'S, Middletown, Del.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending March 21st: Ladies.—Miss Annie Bell, Miss Middleton, Mary Pierce, Millie A. Sampson, Gentlemen.—Barney Brooks, James Bucher, Norman S. Reese.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for next Sunday evening is "Love of Souls." Rom. 10:1. Monthly Consecration Service.

The lecture room of Fencader Presbyterian Church at Glasgow will shortly be remodeled by the trustees. The ladies of the church cleared \$67.65 at the Chautauque social, and this amount will be devoted to repairs. On Tuesday evening, April 9, a musicale and luncheon will be given.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for next Sunday evening is "Love of Souls." Rom. 10:1. Alternate Missionary Topic: Carey and his Colleagues. Leader, Miss Mollie Wilson.

The seventeen-year locusts are slated for this year, according to Thomas M. Shakespeare, of Chester, Pa. Mr. Shakespeare was born in 1816 in Mill Creek hundred, Del., and the locusts have appeared six times to his recollection—in 1816, 1833, 1850, 1867, 1884 and the present year.

Miss Lillian Scott will have her Millinery Opening to-day, in her new and cozy store room on East Main street opposite the Peoples National Bank. Her stock includes the latest creations of the milliner's art, and being an expert artist and studying the demands of the feminine tastes, it places Miss Scott in a position to produce many exclusive designs for the season. She invites the ladies to call and inspect her new stock.

Invitations for the Easter dance to be given in the Opera House, on the evening of April 12th, were sent out last evening. The committee wish it generally understood that no invitations were sent in town. The patronesses are: Mrs. George Janvier, Mrs. J. C. Stites, Mrs. R. L. Nandian, Mrs. H. B. McDowell, Mrs. M. N. Willis, Mrs. H. A. Pool, Mrs. W. R. Biggs, Mrs. J. G. Taylor, Mrs. W. R. Reynolds, Mrs. J. T. Shalleross, Jr.

Rev. E. W. Caswell for the past two years pastor of Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church was transferred from the Wilmington Conference to the New York Conference East at its session held in Grace Church Wilmington last week.

Dr. Caswell will receive his appointment when that body meets on April 10th. His son, Rev. L. H. Caswell is a member of the same conference, and it was the desire of Dr. Caswell to be transferred. Dr. Caswell has made many friends while in our town who wish him success in the New York Conference.

A pretty wedding was solemnized in Clayton, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hawkins, when their daughter, Miss Emma, was married to Mr. Harry R. Hearn, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hearn. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. O. DeVenish, the bride and groom standing beneath an arch of white ribbon erected in one corner of the parlor. The wedding march was played by Miss Lottie Hawkins. Later a reception was held, Mr. and Mrs. Hearn leaving on the four o'clock northbound train for a tour to points of interest in New York.

The house was prettily decorated for the occasion and the bride who is popular in her social circle, received numerous happy presents, among them being a \$100 gold certificate from the groom's uncle, L. W. Hearn, of Jersey City. Miss Hawkins formerly resided in this town.

Choice Prunes, 5 cents per lb., at Dr. VALINGER'S.

Veterans to Camp in Smyrna.

The annual encampment of the veterans of Delaware and their election of a Department Commander of the Department of Delaware, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at Smyrna on May 1, and already there is an interesting contest among the veterans for the position of head of the order. John W. Worrall, of Post No. 9, of Pleasant Hill, and John Garner, of Hancock Post, of Smyrna, are engaged in a canvass for the post. Smyrna is getting ready to receive a large number of veterans.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Lottie Jones spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Mrs. W. E. Barnard spent Friday in Philadelphia.

Mr. J. C. Parker spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Mr. P. L. McWhorter was in Wilmington Monday.

Mr. Theodore Kumpel spent Sunday in Philadelphia.

Mr. B. P. Wilson, of Elkton, was in town Monday.

H. C. Browne, Esq., of Wilmington, was in town Monday.

Mr. George Stephens, of Philadelphia, was in town Monday.

Mrs. D. P. Keith, of Cannon, was a visitor in town last week.

Lawrence Watson, of Dover, was a Saturday visitor in town.

Miss Jeannette Schreitz spent a few days this week in Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Reese Parker, spent Sunday with relatives in Dover.

Miss Ethel Massey has accepted a position with Mrs. J. B. Bratton as milliner.

Mrs. C. M. Stanger and Master Ray Dickson were in Philadelphia this week.

Mrs. C. W. Jones and daughter Miss Lottie, have returned from Philadelphia.

Mrs. J. C. Parker, Mrs. J. C. Stites and J. C. Parker, Jr., were in Philadelphia this week.

Mr. J. Harry Gary, of Birmingham, Ala., visited the home of Mr. T. E. Hurn and family on Wednesday.

Mr. Joseph Robinson, of Philadelphia, was entertained by Mr. S. Burstan and family the first of the week.

Mr. A. G. Cox and sisters returned from Wilmington Tuesday where they attended the Wilmington Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mendenhall and children, of Wilmington, were entertained by their father, Mr. Charles P. Cochran Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Byron and little daughter Elsie, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends at Kennedysville, Md.

Mrs. T. J. Bowns and daughter, Miss Susie, of Philadelphia, were Wednesday and Thursday visitors of Mr. J. C. Aleton and friends in town.

Mrs. Walter Sherman, of Cambridge, Md., accompanied by Miss Edith Hazel, of Smyrna, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eaton, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Messick, Miss Ella Maloney, Miss Bessie McCoy and Miss Grace Parvis, attended the funeral of Miss Carrie B. Ford at Dover on Monday.

The many friends of Mr. A. M. Brown will be sorry to hear of his departure from our town. Mr. Brown has accepted a position in Philadelphia, and will enter upon his new duties on Monday. We wish him success in the Quaker City.

Best Family Flour, 23 cents per bag, at DeVALINGER'S.

POOL TOURNAMENT

The pool tournament at the Volunteer Hose House opened Saturday, March 23d, with the following contestants:

Class A.—H. S. Beaten, F. S. Clayton, Dr. J. C. Stites, Frank C. Jolls, H. C. Eliason, D. C. Pleasantan, 41.

Class B.—H. M. Black, J. E. Ginn, J. C. Jolls, W. H. Brady, A. H. Kilpatrick, N. P. Crouch, J. W. Dickinson, 49.

Class C.—W. A. Hukill, Jr., G. L. Cochran, F. A. Lewis, A. J. Nowland, W. N. Donovan, 58.

Following are the games played up to last night:

Saturday afternoon, March 23d.—H. C. Eliason, 100; D. C. Pleasantan, 41.

Saturday evening, March 23d.—W. H. Brady, 100; J. W. Dickinson, 94.

Monday, 25th.—N. P. Crouch, 100; J. W. Dickinson, 69.

Tuesday, 26th.—F. C. Jolls, 100; F. S. Clayton, 86.

Wednesday, 27th.—A. H. Kilpatrick, 100; H. M. Black, 98.

Thursday, 28th.—A. J. Nowland, 100; W. A. Hukill, Jr., 99.

J. E. Ginn and H. M. Black played last night.

REMEMBER THY MOTHER

The following poem was contributed by Mrs. E. M. Hanson, of New York City, on the death of her mother, Mrs. R. W. Cochran, deceased, of this town:

Lead thy mother tenderly
Down life's steep decline;
Once her arms was thy support,
Now she leans on thee.

See upon her loving face
Those deep lines of care;
Think it was her toil for thee
Left her record there.

Ne'er forget her tireless watch
Kept by day and night;
Taking from her step the grace,
From her eye the light.

Cherish well her faithful heart,
Which through weary years
Echoed with thy sympathy,
All thy smiles and tears.

Best Evaporated Peaches, 10 cents per lb., at DeVALINGER'S.

Child Torn by a Dog

While Elmon Stoops, aged 5 years, son of William Stoops, was passing the home of James McGuire, 207 Harmony street, New Castle, on Tuesday, a bulldog jumped from the steps and sink his teeth deep into the face and lips of the child, tearing it frightfully. It was with difficulty that the animal was driven off and the child taken away. No cause can be assigned for the action of the animal. He had always been gentle. He was valued at \$200. Albert Kirby secured a gun and killed him.

Frederica Alarmed

The people of Frederica and the vicinity are alarmed over the death of a colored man who had the smallpox. The man came from New Jersey last Friday to visit friends. He was ill. Dr. Derrickson and Dr. Brown, of Wilmington, pronounced the case smallpox of the worst form. The man died Monday. The residents all over the section are appealing to the local physicians for vaccination.

Smallpox Abating in Seaford

While smallpox is abating at Seaford, quarantine is still maintained. But two new cases have been reported during the past week, and physicians state that the malady is on the decrease. Two post-houses are being erected in a remote section of the town, where all new casts will be carried.

OUR NEW POST OFFICE

After being in the Town Hall building for over 30 years with only one interior revision of Mr. Woods term, the Post Office was removed last Saturday night to the building adjoining owned by the Trustees of the Middletown Academy. The owners of the new office have placed therein a modern equipment made by the Corbin Cabinet Lock Co., of New Britain, Conn. and the new office is a model one in every way. Postmaster Jolls is proud of his new quarters and after the carpenters and painters get through, he has no doubt that his work can be done better and easier than it has ever been the lot of a postmaster to do. Every patron of the office has expressed approval of the change. When the new building just begun adjoining the post office is completed, that section of the town will be much improved. Much regret has been heard especially from the older citizens at the demolition of the old Academy property, but the old must make way for the new; sentiment cannot stand in the way of modern progress and improvement. Every day during the tearing down of this old building there could be noticed many of the old men of the neighborhood watching the work and exchanging reminiscences.

CHURCHMAN RETAINS SEAT

The Superior Court Wednesday by a unanimous decision ruled in favor of Philip Q. Churchman, Republican, the present incumbent of the bench in the Municipal Court. After Churchman's appointment by Governor Hurn a few weeks ago Judge Edwin R. Cochran, Jr., who had been appointed by Governor Tunnell, was ousted from the bench, and Churchman took his seat. Cochran raised the question of Churchman's right to sit by quo warranto proceedings.

The court Wednesday through Judge Boyce, announced its decision in a lengthy opinion, in which the Municipal Court is held to be an inferior court within the meaning and scope of the constitutional provision authorizing its establishment; it has a dual character with relation to the corporation and with relation to the State, and its Judge is a public officer, whose appointment must be confirmed by the Senate. Mr. Cochran failed of appointment by the Senate, and hence has no claim to the office. His attorneys may carry the case to the Supreme Court.

THEIR FOOD WAS POISONED

Ernest Dutton, colored, was arraigned in the Municipal Court, Wilmington, Thursday, on the charge of attempting to commit murder by administering poison to William Gibbs and William Dennis, both colored, who were taken ill Wednesday after eating pork and beans. Amos Ellegood was also taken ill, but the others were the worse affected. The police learned that there had been trouble between Dutton and some of the other boarders at the boarding house of Mrs. Rachel Ellegood, 4 Mechanic street, and they arrested Dutton. Dr. Frank Rook Smith, an analytical chemist, who analyzed a sample of the pork and beans reported to Chief of Police Massey that he found an abundance of arsenic therein. Dr. J. W. Bastian, of the Delaware Hospital staff, told the court that the patients were evidently suffering from some poison taken into the stomach. He expected them to recover. Dutton was held under \$500 bail for a hearing Saturday morning.

FISH AS A BRAIN FOOD

It isn't every one who believes that fish are especially helpful as brain food. One of our recent spring days two or three fish wagons came into town and of course had ready customers from the men who frequent the "four corners." One of our bright school girls who happened along just then gave her opinion very decidedly on the question of "brain food" in the following expression—"when a fish wagon comes to town all the men want fish, but I don't believe the men are any smarter than the women." This is a question that has never been satisfactorily settled about the value of fish as a brain food, and we would suggest it for the subject of a debate for a Friday afternoon exercises of the High School.—Smyrna Times.

OUTBUILDINGS BURNED

Saturday evening shortly after nine o'clock Price Hurlock, living on the Bradley farm near Smyrna, owned by Daniel C. Bailey, saw smoke coming from the barn loft and in a few minutes the building was a seething mass of flames. Mr. Hurlock with his farm hands at once rushed to the cow shed in which sixteen of his fine milkers were chained, and after considerable difficulty managed to get the frightened animals out, not before the fire had spread to this building. Neighbors seeing the conflagration hastened to Mr. Hurlock's assistance and two bucket brigades were formed, the men succeeding after a two hours' battle in getting control of the fire.

Arbuckle's Coffee, 2 lbs. for 25 cents, at DeVALINGER'S.

Captain Woodall's Yacht "Tody"

Captain Andrew Woodall, an extensive ship and real estate owner of Georgetown, Kent county, Md., has just completed the building of a gasoline yacht 36 feet long, with a 12 foot beam, which he has christened the "Tody." The yacht is fitted with all modern conveniences, and her construction was personally supervised by Captain Woodall in his yard on the Sassafras river. The craft is designed especially for cruising.

Will Offer Reward

Governor Hurn will shortly issue a proclamation offering \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of the murderers of aged George W. Hearn, of Harrington, who was killed last week for \$250 which he carried on his person. The Governor has intimated that if the reward is not sufficiently large to bring about a vigilant search he will offer more. Detectives are still at work upon the case, and it is said have one man at Harrington under surveillance.

On Guard Against Smallpox

At a special meeting of Georgetown Town Council Wednesday night, it was decided to place armed guards on the roads leading into Georgetown, from Seaford, Laurel, Concord, Delmar, and any other town where smallpox is known or supposed to exist. All citizens were ordered to get vaccinated before Saturday or pay a fine of \$10.

ODESSA NOTES

Miss Bessie Snaps, of Wilmington, is visiting in Odessa.

Mr. L. V. Asplir, Jr., was a Wilmington visitor this week.

Miss Harrington was the guest of Miss Carrie Watkins this week.

Mr. John C. Corbit, of Philadelphia, was a town visitor over Sunday.

Rebecca Watkins was the guest of her grandfather, Mr. George F. Brady.

Miss Anna D. Gibson has returned from an extended visit to Philadelphia friends.

Mrs. F. B. Watkins is visiting her friend, Miss Blanche Smith, of Trenton, New Jersey.

Miss Helen P. Cheairs and Mr. S. D. Townsend, of Delaware City, spent Sunday in town.

Miss Lillie Rose, of Farnhurst, and Mr. William Rose, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with their father.

Cyrus P. Keen, a clerk in the store of F. E. Watkins, is seriously ill. It is feared that his illness may terminate in typhoid fever.

Charles W. Lloyd, proprietor of the Brick Hotel, has recently suffered several attacks of heart failure, but is at present much improved.

The Epworth League choir is making preparations for a special musical program to be given on Easter Sunday at the weekly devotional meeting.

Postmaster Vandegrift has purchased the Janvier property and is making great improvements in its appearance. He will move into his new home in the early summer.

The tennis court on High street has been put in perfect condition, and the young people have begun practice, preparatory to issuing challenges to any clubs of the neighboring towns.

Quite a number of changes of residences are taking place here. Officer Johnson has gone into the Lord property on Main street, and Mr. Harrison Vandegrift will remove to his new home opposite the post office.

Conference is over and the people of Odessa, without respect to denomination, are glad of the return of Rev. W. O. Hurst. This will make his fifth year in Odessa. The church has prospered under his charge, and the membership is much larger than it was five years ago. The trustees have voted him an increase of \$100 in salary.

The marshes along the Appoquinimink Creek have been filled with ducks for the past ten days, and gunners are thoroughly enjoying the rare sport. Clarence Asplir who is spending his Spring vacation at home, surprised himself and his friends, as well as the ducks, which had come to think him harmless, by bagging five at one shot on Tuesday. He insists that he "wounded" the rest of the flock.

WILMINGTON LOSES BIG PLUM

Thursday Governor Hurn announced his intention of withholding his signature from the liquor license revenue bill which occasioned such a big fight in both houses of the General Assembly, and which Attorney General Ward has pronounced as of doubtful constitutionality. The Wilmington people had hoped that the Governor might sign the bill, and thus make it a law even after the Attorney General's adverse opinion, as it would have given Wilmington about \$20,000 of additional annual revenue, allowing her to keep two-thirds of all the liquor revenue collected from her saloons and breweries.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

Wheat—No. 1—75 Corn—

No. 2—72 Yellow, shelled 41

Timothy Seed \$2.50 cob 40

Clover Seed 13c Oats 30

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.

Eggs, per doz. 10c/12

Country Butter, per lb. 22c/25

Creamery Butter, per lb. 27

Lard, per lb. 8c/10

Lard, per lb. 8c/10

Ducks, dressed, per lb. 10c/12

Potatoes, per basket. 35c/40

Notice to Farmers

If you are going to need American or Page Fence this Spring you will make a big mistake unless you put your order in without further delay. This is the greatest year the country has ever known for Wire Fence, and the factories are now far behind with orders and if you put off buying you will surely get left. It is also the opinion of Wire people that the prices are going to advance. Measure off about what you want and call at our office and we will give you the very lowest price possible. We have in stock for you to see all the different sizes of Hog and Fence Wire, also Barb Wire. Leave your order and we will put the Fence up when ever you say. We ask no settlement until after the Fence is up. We buy in car load lots and have now orders booked for over 6000 rods. Respectfully yours,

J. F. McWHORTER & SON,
MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.